

Appl. No. 09/865,989
Amdt. dated September 10, 2003
Reply to Office Action of July 11, 2003



REMARKS

Claims 76-103 are pending and under consideration in the instant application. With this response, the specification and Claims 76 and 84-86 have been amended. Claim 77 has been canceled. After entry of the instant amendment, Claims 76 and 78-103 are pending and under consideration.

III. AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended to include a proper priority benefit claim. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority under 37 CFR. §1.78. If the Petition is granted, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment to the specification.

IV. AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS

Claim 76 has been amended, in relevant part, to recite, that at least one L-enantiomeric residue of formula I is replaced with an identical D-enantiomeric residue. Support for amended Claim 76 can be found in Claim 1 as originally filed and page 44, lines 15 to 29.

Claims 84-86 have been amended to correct dependency. Claims 85 and 86 were also amended to correct the formula for 'X.' Support for amended Claims 84-86 can be found in Claims 16-18 as originally filed.

Applicants submit that currently amended Claims 76 and 84-86 are fully supported by the specification and do not introduce new matter. Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments.

V. PRIORITY

The PTO acknowledges the claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 to Application Serial No. 09/465,719, filed December 17, 1999. Application Serial No. 09/465,719 is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/940,093, filed September 29, 1997. Applicants did not identify all applications and their relationship in their priority claim. The error was unintentional. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to Accept an Unintentionally Delayed Claim for Priority under 37 CFR. §1.78. Upon